

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 8, 2007.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of Goodness and Truth, we try each day to serve You and our constituents faithfully. We also try to utilize rightly our talents and our legislative experience in addressing the concerns of the people in the Commonwealth. Inspire us to both recognize and to read correctly the signs of the times and to respond in a thoughtful and positive manner. Help us to cope with the challenges of these changing times as we struggle to make our communities stable and safe and our families secure and protected from harm. Teach us to implement our listening skills as we formulate fair, just and ethical public policy and legislation.

Prayer.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2007 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 2033) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, February 6.

Supplemental
appropriations.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Changes in a House Standing Committee.

The Speaker announced that Mr. Wallace of Boston had been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling and that Ms. Peisch of Wellesley had been appointed to the sixth position on said committee to fill the vacancy.

Steering
Policy and
Scheduling.

Changes in Joint Standing Committees.

The Speaker announced changes in joint standing committees as follows:

That Mr. Walsh of Boston had been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Elder Affairs and that Mr. D'Amico of Seekonk had been appointed to the ninth position on said committee to fill the vacancy;

Joint
committees.

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That Mr. D'Amico of Seekonk had been relieved (at his own request) from the committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse and that Mr. Wallace of Boston had been appointed to the sixth position on said committee to fill the vacancy; and

That Ms. Peisch of Wellesley had been relieved of duty (at her own request) from the committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse and that Mr. Walsh of Boston had been appointed to the fifth position on said committee to fill the vacancy.

Appointments of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader of the House announced that he had made appointments as follows:

Goddard
Council.

That Representative Polito of Shrewsbury had been appointed (under Section 8 of Chapter 123 of the Acts of 2006) to the Robert H. Goddard Council on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education;

Work
standards.

That Representative Evangelidis of Holden had been appointed (under Section 23 of Chapter 123 of the Acts of 2006) to the Performance Standards and Workforce Accountability Task Force;

Information
technology.

That Representative Humason of Westfield had been appointed (under Subsection 2TTT of Section 31 of Chapter 123 of the Acts of 2006) to the Commonwealth Information Technology Initiative (CITI) advisory board; and

Disabled
adults,
care.

That Representative Smola of Palmer had been appointed to the Special Commission established (under Chapter 305 of the Acts of 2006) to make an investigation and study of long-term care options for neurologically or physically disabled adults.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Jane C.
Bergen.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Rogers of Norwood, Kafka of Stoughton and Ross of Wrentham) congratulating Jane C. Bergen, Walpole Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year;

Nancy
Pelosi.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Harkins of Needham and other members of the House) congratulating Representative Nancy Pelosi;

Boston
Athenaeum.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Bradley of Hingham) congratulating the Boston Athenaeum for its bicentennial celebration;

Justin
Kelley.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Kujawski of Webster, Alicea of Charlton and Frost of Auburn) congratulating Justin Kelley on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Joseph
Rheault.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Kujawski of Webster, Alicea of Charlton and Frost of Auburn) congratulating Joseph Rheault on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Martha
Coakley.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Marzilli of Arlington and other members of the House) congratulating Martha Coakley;

William
McCarthy.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Tobin of Quincy, Ayers of Quincy and Mariano of Quincy) congratulating Reverend William McCarthy on the occasion of his eightieth birthday and the fifty-fifth anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Walrath of Stow) congratulating Jason Dumas on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Jason
Dumas.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Walsh of Boston) congratulating Duke Carter on the occasion of his retirement;

Duke
Carter.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Provost of Somerville, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspections of certain correctional facilities, as follows:

Correctional
facilities,
inspection
reports.

Of the Boston Pre-Release Center, in the city of Boston;

Of the Bridgewater Correctional Complex Core Services Facility, in the town of Bridgewater;

Of the Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center, in the town of Bridgewater;

Of the Massachusetts Treatment Center, in the town of Bridgewater; and

Of the Old Colony Correctional Center, in the town of Bridgewater; Severally were spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ann Brevik, an employee of the Department of Social Services (Senate, No. 12) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Ann
Brevik.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Spellane of Worcester, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Scaccia of Boston, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain tax exemptions in the town of Montague (House, No. 2027) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Montague,
Brick House
Center.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Natale of Woburn, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Randolph,
town
meeting.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill relative to the town of Randolph (Senate, No. 11) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. LeDuc of Marlborough, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Recess.

Recess.

At twenty-seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until the hour of twelve o'clock noon; and at that time the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Emergency Measure.

Ann
Brevik.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ann Brevik, an employee of the Department of Social Services (see Senate, No. 12), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill
enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Recess.

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At twenty-seven minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject for the Call of the Chair; and eight minutes before four o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Next
sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At seven minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.